# FIRE AND EXPLOSION

House Scene of Disaster.

TWO BLOCKS OF BUILDINGS BURNED

GREAT LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE IS FEARED, AND BODIES BEING FOUND.

Explosion Probably Due to Spontaneous Combustion in Chemicals-Sad Work of Find-

ing the Dead.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29 .- A fire which originated in the great drug bouse of Tarrant & Co., corner Warren and Greenwich streets, today, caused an explosion which shook the lower end of Manhattan island like an earthquake. It hurled a seven-story building into the

air and set fire to two blocks of build-

ings, with a loss of life that is appalling. filled with chemicals. In response to an alarm, one fire company had just arrived when a terrific explosion occurred identified, that of August Schmidt. The W. J. Mossman, John K. Prendergast and threw the entire engine crew down three unidentified bodies were gathered and James K. Paele. the stairway. The firemen, realizing the plecemeal and never will be identified. danger of their position, rushed from the The police claim that the portions of hu- tabular form give the result of Tuesday's building to the street. The explosion man anatomy found represent three election in detail. had filled the street in front with a show- bodies and that two of them were men er of falling glass and some debris, which and one a woman, rent the crowd which had gathered on | Early this morning a number of bones the opposite sidewalks. Engineer Rocks- were found. Inspectors Tench and Kenbury and Fireman Brown were injured by of the building department found a

lected and the aremen were busy rescu. Monday noon, down the escape of the Home Made res. said in the course of an interview: joining upon Warren street.

moment masses of brick walls, timbers safe distance outside the city. caused them to collapse, falling all at this lesson." once in a mass of timber, boxes and bar- Protracted litigation between insurout from the Tarrant building like the the explosions in the ruined buildings belching of a cannon, broke forth.

buildings the flames leaped, setting them dows which were shattered throughout afire at once, the work of the explosion | the wrecked area in the downtown busidemolishing windows and all wooden ness section and their officials have restructures about the houses.

choked with a mass of debris and the insurance companies. The latter have & whole place was affame.

half a dozen more, scarcely less intense, and by a countless number of smaller

The explosion and fire together had now assumed the proportions of a great entastrophe and it was thought that hun dreds of lives had been lost,

The second explosion carried destruction in every direction. That it did not cause wholesale loss of life was due to the fact that almost ten minutes' warning came after the first cry of fire and fully five minutes occurred between the

escape the explosion and the few people are very confident." who were left on the platform of the station are all thought to have escaped. New York?" was asked, The station master fled across the struc- "I do not say so of my own knowlture, carrying with him the receipts of edge," replied the colonel, "but the people the day and his unused tickets, while whom I met say that he will. two women who had stopped on the platform to watch the fire, frightened by the New York Herald and San Francisco first explosion, fied down the down town | Call?" asked Col. Soper of the reporter,

masoury, pieces of cornice, great beams. The two forecasts were made in conjuncwimlow casings and an indescribable fion and are identical." mass of wreckage of every description | Col. Soper went from here to Victoria numbled suddenly into the street in in the latter days of August. He went front of the building all at once. The east by the Canadian Pacific to Toronto. force of the explosion below had thrown He came back by New York, Chicago, St. the firemen back across the street, so Paul, Spokane, Portland and San Franthat they were not caught, but their cisco. He remained in the last named escape from the rain of debris across city three weeks.

the street was almost miraculous. through the windows of the building in personally after the matter of equipment which the Irving National bank is, on for the National guard. He says he had the northeast corner of the street. The a fine time on his trip and is glad to be offices in the Irving bank and of Meck- home. lem Brothers, bunkers and brokers, were

nearly wrecked. Captain McCluskey of the detective bureau, who harried every available man on his staff to the fire, was appealed to turning in the Alameda yesterday were ing told that they were in the vault, the | W. Gos 000 scattered in confusion over counters wife.

In Mecklem Brothers' offices in the

asement there were H. H. Mecklem and his brother William, with Frank Heckenberry, a boy, Thomas Hackett, a clerk, and another man named Bruce and some girls, among them Ellen Vandeen and ut \$50,000 in money lay upon the counter. Heckenberry was stationed at the door while this was gathered together for putting into the vault. The first explosion filled the place with sulphurous smoke that nearly asphyxiated everybody. The second explosion blew in the windows and cut the two Mecklems seriously. The boy. Heckenberry, found the two girls lying in a heap, fainted away. They were carried to a place of safety. The others, when they came to their senses, gathered the money from the

As the result of the explosions a doz en buildings were blown down and a score of others badly damaged. The vote on the senatorial ticket and thereloss of life is not known tonight, but fore elected but four candidates-Achi. from all sources of information it is Cecil Brown, George Carter and Clargathered there are perhaps the bodies ence Crabbe. Henry Waterhouse and of thirty persons in the ruins, though Pahia fell outside the breastworks, Kalbecause of the hot debris and the slow anokalani and Kanuha on the independness of the moving of it nobody had been ent ticket beating them. removed up to midnight.

Chief Croker of the fire department

Digging for the Dead.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.-Only four bodies have been recovered from the ruins caused Monday by the explosion in | tion their one single brand, electing J. the Tarrant drug house up to this morn- P. Makainai. The independents take the ing. Of these only one body has been

by falling glass, as was another fireman woman's head at the northwest corner. In this precinct 911 votes were registered of Greenwich and Warren streets. Later and S32 were counted. Captain Devanney of the company or- the same men found a package of tools, dered his crew back into the building a man's apron and hat. Inspector Graagain. They were dragging the line to ham of the building department, while the doorway for the second time when bunting through the ruins, found two schooner Eclipse, which arrived from there came another explosion, more ter pieces of human flesh and the same in- Lahaina yesterday, took the trouble rife than the first, and the whole crew spector found another piece of human while there to get the returns of the was harled across Greenwich street. De. fiesh and a knee joint. Two tons of election so far as he could before leav-In the meantime other engines that occupied by Tarrant & Co, when it was sailed. had responded to the alarm had col. demolished by fire and explosions on

ing people from surrounding buildings. It has now been decided by Fire Chief trouble was about is not known. Follow-Firemen had already taken many girls Croker and Fire Commissioner Scannell down the only fire escape upon the build, to investigate all of the wholesale drug ing and more persons had been carried establishments in the city. Chief Croker

taurant next door, and the buildings ad- "I know most of the wholesale drug houses carry explosives in such quantity The second explosion occurred about as to render them powder magazines to five minutes after the first. From the all purposes. They are a constant menaccounts of witnesses the building ace to public safety and I propose to see seemed to leap into the air, and in a that storage houses are maintained at a

and stone were falling into the street. "In the past little attention has been The force of the explosion tore away the paid to the requirements of the law. walls of the hig commission storehouses Experience in this case has proved an fronting on Washington street and expensive teacher, but we will profit by

rels, from which the finnes, which burst ance companies may ensue relative to Plate glass insurance companies deny Acress Warren street to the opposite their liability for the many insured winfused large claims. They have referred In a moment Warren street was patrons who suffered losses to the fire determined either not to pay or still have The great explosion was followed by the matter under consideration.

#### **BUSINESS MEN EXPECT**

M'KINLEY'S ELECTION

Colonel Soper Returns From an Extended Tour of the States -The Herald Estimate.

"Nine out of ten of the business men first and minor explosions, which warned whom I met in my travels in the States every one within hearing, and the sec- are confident that President McKinley will be re-elected," said Col. J. H. Soper, Just after the outbreak of fire from who returned yesterday on the Alameda. the windows of the building a down- "I do not claim to speak for the laboring town bound train stopped at the War- class, for I did not see so much of them. ren street station of the Ninth avenue but the business men, who are certainly elevated road. It passed on in time to in a better position to judge than I am.

"You have seen the estimates of the "Well, those papers are in a far better The big explosion completely carried position to speak than I am and their away the station. Immense masses of forecast is thought to be about right,

As Colonel Soper did not visit Wash-The wreckage was thrown across ington he had not the opportunity to look

#### Alameda's Passengers.

Among the well known knamainas retle, F. D. Greany, W. G. Grieg,

## OFFICIAL RETURNS OF THE ELECTION

#### Tarrant & Co.'s Drug May Dunklemann. When the fire broke Parker's Plurality Two Hundred and Five--Legislature Divided Between Republicans and Democrats-Democrats Elect J. P. Makainai.

Parker's plurality as delegate to confloor, put it in cigar boxes and carried gress for the fifty-seventh session is just ten votes higher than the forecast in yesterday's Republican, 205.

The republicans did not maintain their

The republicans elected their entire representative ticket in the Fourth dissaid tonight that the loss is fully trict-William Ayleft, A. F. Gilfillan, W. H. Hoogs, A. G. M. Robertson, Jonah Kumulae and J. H. K. Keiki.

In the Fifth district the democrats snatched from the political conflagraothers, John Emmeluth, S. K. Mahoe.

The official figures given herewith in

The first returns to be handed in at the registrar's office were those of Waimanalo, at 7:40 o'clock. The last came in at 11:45 from the Second precinct of the Fourth district.

There will be no further count of the votes unless there is a contest. Captain George Townsend of the

News of a big row in Wailuku during 

was ahead up to the time the Eclipse

ing are the returns as given to Captain

For delegate to the 56th congress-For delegate to the 57th congress-Wailuku, the republican stronghold, and Lanni, with thirty votes, yet to be

For senators-The above returns are as far as th count went on Maui up to sailing tim

of the Eclipse. Baldwin is a republican Kaine and White independents, For representatives-Hors (Rep) ......14 Kawaihoa (Ind) ..... Kahaulelio, D. H......

Forsyth ..... This vote only shows the strength of THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Lahaina. Honokohau, Kahului and Honosula. The following places are yet to be heard from: Lanai, Wailuku, Makawao, Hamakuapeko, Kipahulu, Hana

Captain Tullett of the James Makee, which arrived from Kanai yesterday, says that the voting was going on in full blast when he left Kapaa, about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternon. At that time it seemed to Captain Tullett that Parker was the favorite on the Garden Isle and Niihau.

The Makee, which left last night, will return Friday with full returns,

The Congressional Vote. . 4TH DIST | 56th Congress | 57th Congress

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11	Fifth	156	78	193	161	85	205
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2	Third		26	69	25	25	74
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Second	396	479	421	453	362	349	101	216	99	137	188	66	217	236	216	225	220	185	17
Third	75	86	79	72	67	58	65	88	68	61	78	49	123	137	134	124	117	108	14
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Fourth	41	28	34	29	30	25	23	29	15	26	21	24	29	40	34	31	33	22	4
Fifth	28	38	34	28	26	28	8	13	8	7	10	3	8	9	10	7	10	8	3
Sixth	73	76	73	72	59	91	26	75	14	27	- 66	13	100	137	130	101	122	105	9
Seventh	187	169	151	155	160	132	72	92	90	68	64	42	257	296	287	274	269	225	-11
Eighth	144	119	. 98	118	110	88	54	55	41	42	39	32	157	179	178	177	192	141	3
Ninth	124	140	138	136	104	109	75	109	59	70	77	49	121	129	125	129	121	102	9
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A NEW ROCK DUARRY

out all grades of macadam. It is the expectation of Jailer Henry that the 125 odd long term convicts in the Oahu prison will be put to work getting out stone for the road depart-The road department has opened a new ment in this new quarry. The question rock quarry near Lunalilo Home above of prison reform, which has been agitated the old Makiki rifle range. It yields the lately, has been a subject to which Mr. hardest and best stone. Heretofore the Brown has devoted considerable thought. to protect the funds of the bank, be be- A. H. Afong, D. H. Case and wife, W. rock used for macadamizing has been. He has an idea that a farm for the emdoor of which was supposed to be un- F. L. Hoogs, Mrs. W. L. Hopper, Miss in that locality without extensive digging will be an improvement over the present door of which was supposed to be un-locked. When the captain and his men Hopper, W. F. Johnston T. R. Lucas, or blasting. The new quarry will sup-went in, however, they found about \$10. Mrs. W. Monsarrat, J. H. Soper and ply stone for the crushing plant of the road department. These crushers turn model farm might be the outcome.

#### THE PRESIDENT ISSUES A THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

WASHINGTON, Oct, 29 .- The state department today issued the following: "By the President of the United States of America-A Proclamation.

dant harvests. Labor and the industries executive session.

precedent. All commerce has spread over the world. Our power and influence in the cause of freedom and enlightenment have extended over distant seas and lands. The lives of our official representatives and many of our people in China have been marvelously preserved. We have been generally exempt from pestilence and other great calamities, and even the tragic visitation which overwhelmed the city of Galveston made evident the septiments of sympathy and Christian charity, by virtue of which we are one united people.

"Now, therefore, I. William, McKinley, president of the United States, do hereby of November next, to be observed by all the people of the United States, at home or abroad, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to him who holds the nation in the hollow of his hand. I recommend that they gather in their several places of worship and devoutly give him thanks for the prosperity wherewith he has endowed us, for seed time and for the harvest, for the valor, devotion and humanity of our armies and navies, and for all his benefits to us as individuals and as a nation; and that they humbly pray for the continuance of his divine favor, for and for righteousness and peace in all

"In witness whereof I have hereunto United States to be affixed. "WILLIAM McKINLEY."

### BJARD OF HEALTH AND ITS SECRET SESSION

COULDN'T BESIST HOLDING THAT IF IT NEVER DID ANOTHER THING.

Dr. Pratt Selected to Succeed Dr. Garvin, so the Executive Officer Remains in the Ring.

C. E. Moore was appointed plumbing aspector yesterday. Dr. Pratt was promoted to the position of executive officer, vacated by Dr. Garvin.

The board of health convened vin was present. Other members pres | Hopkins and Eaton by the defense, Total 2193 786 1974 2188 785 1983 ent were Dole Cooper, Winston and

was placed on file.

Dr. James Maloney was appointed Good and Andrade. By the defense, government physician at North Kona. Special Agent Paris of South Kona sent, B. Bergersen. and Baldwin of Maui tendered their resignations, which were accepted.

The report of Sanitary Officer Dr. Pratt was read. Among other things he recommended that the sanitary condidid not appear. Judge Humphreys issanitary work performed.

mitted his report for the Malulani hos-

A letter from Dr. Deniger of Kihei

A communication from the Hawaiian Cemetery association notified the board asked to be excused on account of deafthat the cemetery at Ramond Grove, ness, but you answered all questions Pearl Harbor, is ready for the interment spoken in an ordinary conversational of bodies. A special funeral train will tone. Now you pretend not to hear. I leave the depot at 2:15 p. m. daily. Ar- cannot lose sight of the fact that I have rangements have been made with the had personal dealings with you for the Catholic, Japanese and Chinese Cemetery past four or five years and I never had associations whereby they cease to make any trouble in making you hear. If a burials elsewhere. The board of health, person from across the street were to by resolution passed last May, prohibit- ask you in a whisper for a bottle of ed the burial of bodies within certain machine oil or a package of needles you limits in the city after October 1. The would hear all right. You are not acttime was extended and yesterday the ing in good faith and are unworthy to board adopted a resolution that no burial act as a juror. I have fined you \$25 permits will be issued for interment for not appearing in court this mornwithin the city limits after January 1. ing. I will excuse you as juror for the 1901. This does not apply to burials in term. You will now stand committed family lots.

The last official act of Dr. Garvin was to submit a method for keeping a record of vital statistics. He offered a sched- hear him. It is said that Bergersen ple blank which with slight amendments met the approval of the other members. juror: that he was willing to pay the Heretofore there have been no records \$25 but being committed to jail was made or kept of births or deaths and more than he bargained for. the many facts of value connected with blanks and forms to be used in connection with the interment of bodies and in the handling of nuisance cases.

C. E. Moore was elected plumbing in- GRAND PUBLIC CONCERT spector. The applicants were, C. E. Moore, E. W. Quinn, H. Ludwig and R.

By a resolution adopted in executive session a week ago it was the sense of the board that the new plumbing inspector should be an engineer rather than a plumber. The experiment of using a plumber had been tried. Hence all names were dropped except those of Moore and Morton. The vote was by ballot resulting in four votes for Moore and one for Morton. The subject of means of transporta-

tion for the plumbing inspector and his deputy was discussed. The appropriation of \$250 per month will only pay the salaries of the two officials. The territory to be covered in the discharge of their duties is so extensive that it was said they could not make the rounds on foot. The subject was deferred to another meeting.

## JURORS BEING SECURED IN THE DOWNING CASE

Only Two Peremptory Challenges for the Defense.

PROMISES LIVELY DENOUEMENT

appoint and set apart Thursday, the 29th JUDGE HUMPHREYS' COURT 18 NOT TO BE FOOLED WITH BY JURORS.

> He Orders Juror Bergerson Imprisoned for Feigning Deafness Unworthy to Sit in the Trial.

The jury for the trial of Charles Downing, charged with murdering concord and amity with other nations, George Poal, is being impanelled in the circuit court. The defense has exhausted all but two of its peremptory challenges the prosecution has used only set my hand and caused the seal of the one, nine jurors were excused for cause and one by consent.

When court convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock Downing was brought before the bar. Deputy Attorney General Catheart stated that the plea of not guilty had been entered and the prosecution was ready. Leon M. Strauss, for the defense, said that a demurrer had been submitted and overruled and an exception taken.

The jurors drawn were Charles Everett, S. P. Woods, Carl Widemann, John Mitchell, Charles B. Lemon, C. C. Rhodes, Harian T. Waity, George Macy, E. S. Holt, Joseph O. Carter, Jr., H. S. Living and Charles R. Dement. During the progress of the forenoon

the following additional jurors were drawn and sworn: A. Petrie, J. W. Akana N. Brehan, J. K. Merseberg, John Jones, C. Notley, E. H. Paris, J. C. Cluney, F. L. Dortch, William L. Eaton, Manly Hopkins, Fred Goudie and F. T. P. Waterhouse.

During the morning session Dement, Petrie, Carter, Everett, Merseberg and day in regular session. Dr. Wood was was excused by the prosecution. A. in the chair and Executive Officer Gar- Kans, Ewing, Paris, Hitchcock, Holt,

At 12:25 the court took a recess until 2 o'clock. In the afternoon the jurors The application of Dr. Holland for an drawn and sworn were H. Zerbe, John appointment as government physician Good, J. S. Andrade, C. A. Bellina and H. Vida. Excused for cause were Zerbe, Waterhouse, Bellina and Vida. By con-

At 3:49 a venire for twenty-five new jurors was ordered by the court to appear at 10 o'clock this morning. At the morning session B. Bergersen

tion of the schools be taken up by the sued an attachment for him returnable board at once. The report stated that at 2 p. m. Bergersen made an excuse the school board was encountering great and was assessed a fine of \$25. When inconvenience on account of the exac- Bergersen was called to the jury box to tions of the plumbers. The reports of he sworn he feigned deafness, holding the deputy sanitary inspectors were be- his palm back of his ear like a funnel to fore the board, giving detailed account of catch the wind. He acted like he could not hear quite as well as a post while Dr. Johnson Weddick of Wailuku sub- Mr. Catheart was examining him. The court grew restive and asked if the attorneys would consent to excuse the juror, which was readily granted. Bergerasked for information as to his duties in sen was ordered to the bas of the court the matter of illegal sale of poisonous and given the following dressing down by Judge Humphreys: "When you appeared as a juror you

to jail until your fine is paid."

Bergersen made a feeble effort at remonstrating, but the court would not used this ruse to get out of serving as

The fine of Henry Vida for failing to them. Dr. Garvin also submitted other answer a jury summons on Monday was remitted except the costs of service,

## AT HAWAIIAN HOTEL

There will be a public concert tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Hawaiian botel. The program will be as follows: PART I.

Overture-Italian in Algier .... Rossini Fantasia-The Gossiper (new) . . . Gillet Grand Selection-Il Trovatore . . . . Verdi (a) Malanai; (b) Pilipumehane, (c) The Blue and the Gray (new) ....

....... Miss Kelijaa and Mrs. Alepai - PART II. Selection-A Musical Review ... Riviere Piece Characteristic -- Wake Up. 'Coons, (new) ...... Seltzer Intermezzo-A Serenade (new) .. Gregh March-Ma Tiger Lily ...... Sleane

The Star Spangled Banner.

#### Stranded Laborers.

The Italian laborers who were to have "It has pleased Almighty God to bring Dr. Pratt was unanimously elected come here in the Peking were stranded our nation in safety and honor through executive officer in the place of Dr. Gar- in San Francisco when the Alameta left. another year. The works of religion and vin, resigned. The vacancy caused by Most of them had appealed to their concharity have everywhere been manifest. Pratt's promotion was left unfilled for sul for aid. One of them was arrested Our country has been blessed with abun- the present. The board then went into while trying to dispose of his revolver